

Investigation of Hohlräum Fields with Monoenergetic Proton Radiography at OMEGA

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Abstract: A more complete understanding of laser-driven hohlraum plasmas is critical for the continued development and improvement of ICF experiments. In these hohlraums, self-generated electric and magnetic fields can play an important role in modifying plasma properties such as heat transport; however, the strength and distribution of electromagnetic fields in such hohlraums remains largely uncertain. To explore this question, we conducted experiments at the OMEGA laser facility, using monoenergetic proton radiography to probe laser-driven vacuum hohlraums. We then utilized reconstructive methods to recover information about proton deflections. To interpret these reconstructions, a new technique for detangling the contributions of electric and magnetic fields to proton deflections was developed. This work was supported in part by the U.S. DOE, NLUF, and LLE.

1. Introduction

In the field of inertial confinement fusion, a great deal of research is focused on understanding the behavior of hohlraums, or X-ray cavities. In hohlraum (indirect drive) fusion, high-energy lasers illuminate the walls of the cavity to produce a uniform X-ray bath, which compresses a fuel capsule to fusion-relevant temperatures and densities. Given their importance to the fusion initiative, a detailed understanding of hohlraum physics is critical. Prior work [1–3] has indicated that self-generated electromagnetic fields can substantially alter the transport properties of the hohlraum plasma and impact target performance. However, detailed information about the fields present in hohlraums has proven difficult to obtain experimentally. To that end, we seek in this work to develop techniques to better understand the strength and distribution of electric and magnetic fields within laser-driven vacuum hohlraums, using high-energy monoenergetic proton radiography as our primary probing diagnostic.

Techniques for reconstructing path-integrated electromagnetic fields from proton radiography [4–6] have recently begun to move to the forefront of radiography analysis. Given certain assumptions (discussed in Section 2.2.1), such reconstruction algorithms can recover from a given proton image and initial flux distribution a “perpendicular deflection field” which depends on the electric and magnetic fields encountered by the protons in the subject plasma. Interpretation of the results of such algorithms is an important problem in the analysis of proton radiography. Prior work with results depending on the output of reconstruction algorithms (for example, [7–9]) have investigated experimental geometries where assuming deflections are dominated by magnetic fields is justified. However, in other experiments (such as the hohlraums considered in this manuscript) neither purely electric nor purely magnetic field deflections can explain observations. Here, we describe one approach we have developed for attempting to detangle the contributions from both fields.

44 **2. Methods**

45 *2.1. Experimental Design*

46 The experiments performed to investigate these effects were conducted at the University of
47 Rochester Laboratory for Laser Energetics' OMEGA Laser Facility. The experimental subject
48 is a gold hohlraum with 100% laser-entrance-hole, i.e. a gold "can," containing neither a fuel
49 capsule nor a gas fill (i.e., a "vacuum hohlraum"). The hohlraums in this experiment had an
50 outer diameter of 2.4 mm, and a length of 4 mm. The hohlraum was driven axisymmetrically
51 from either the left side of the hohlraum with 10 beams of laser drive, or from the right side of
52 the hohlraum with 9 beams of laser drive¹, with each beam having a 1 ns laser pulse and an
53 energy of 500 joules per beam delivering energy to a laser spot size of roughly 358 μm (standard
54 SG-5 phase plates). To diagnose the hohlraum, a standard backlighter capsule for monoenergetic
55 proton radiography [10] was used. The backlighter consisted of a 2.0 micron thick, 420 micron
56 outer diameter SiO_2 spherical shell filled with a 50:50 (number density) mixture of deuterium
57 and helium-3 gas at 18.0 atm (henceforth referred to as a " D^3He backlighter"), was positioned
58 1 cm away from the hohlraum, and was driven with 40 laser beams also with 1.0 ns pulse and
59 energy of 500 joules per beam. The experimental setup is shown in cartoon form in Figure 1.

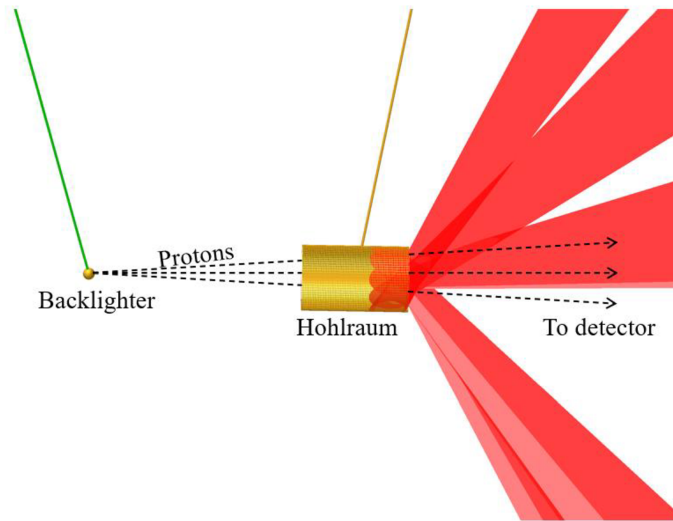


Fig. 1. Cartoon of the experimental setup, showing the capsule backlighter suspended by a stalk at left, and the hohlraum suspended by a stalk on the right. Dotted arrows schematically represent proton trajectories from the backlighter, while the red shaded areas denote the 9 drive laser beams on the hohlraum. For clarity, the 40 drive beams aimed at the backlighter are not pictured.

60 The D^3He backlighter produces nearly monoenergetic protons at two distinct energies; 3.0
61 MeV protons from deuterium-deuterium fusion ("DD protons") and 14.7 MeV protons from
62 deuterium-helium 3 fusion (" D^3He protons"). By varying the relative timing delay between
63 backlighter beams and hohlraum beams, the structure of electromagnetic fields in the hohlraum
64 was probed at different sample times.

65 In order to measure the flux of protons, a solid-state detector composed of the plastic material
66 Columbia Resin No. 39 (henceforth "CR-39") was used [11]. Ions impacting the surface of the
67 CR-39 deposit their energy and leave tracks of chemical damage; submerging of the CR-39 in a

¹The one beam left over was reserved as a probe beam for Thomson scattering measurements not discussed in this manuscript.

68 solution of NaOH then preferentially etches areas where such damage has occurred, expanding
 69 the diameter of those tracks. By scanning the etched CR-39 under a microscope, individual
 70 proton tracks (and therefore detailed information about the proton flux) are ascertained. In this
 71 experiment, the CR-39 detector consisted of two 10 cm by 10 cm pieces of CR-39 positioned
 72 27 cm away from the hohlraum. In order to obtain information about both proton species, the
 73 two pieces of CR-39 are sandwiched between specifically chosen metal filtering to range down
 74 protons into an appropriate energy range. Two representative radiographs from a shot on this
 75 experimental campaign are shown in Figure 2.

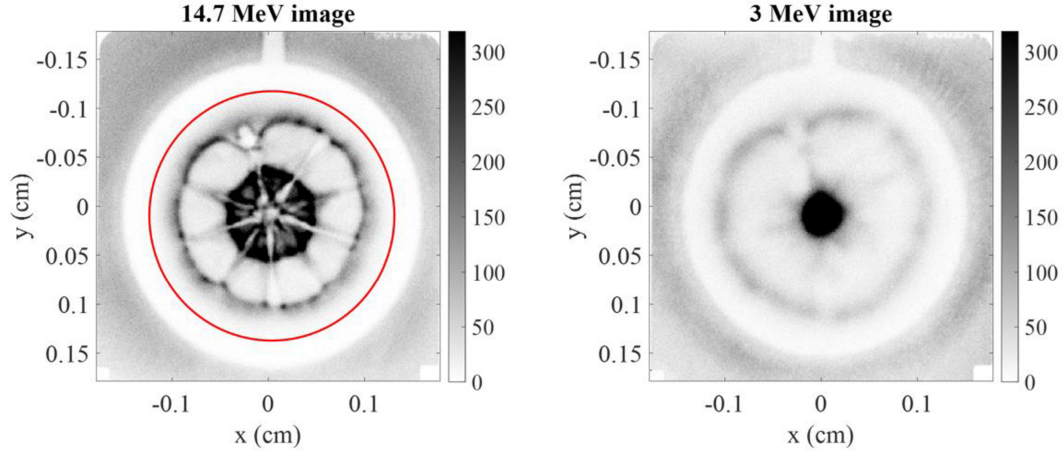


Fig. 2. The processed proton radiography images of the vacuum hohlraum; the image on the left was formed by 14.7 MeV D^3He protons, while the image on the right was formed by 3 MeV DD protons. In these images, the 14.7 MeV protons sampled the hohlraum fields ~ 1.4 ns after the start of the hohlraum drive. The ninefold symmetry of these radiographs reflects the 9-beam axisymmetric laser drive on the hohlraum, while the dark central feature indicates a focusing of protons towards the center of the image. These images will be used to demonstrate the novel methods for electromagnetic field discrimination from deflection field reconstruction.

76 2.2. Analysis

77 2.2.1. Deflection Field Reconstruction

78 In order to recover information about the electromagnetic fields deflecting protons to produce the
 79 observed radiographs, reconstructive techniques developed by A. Bott (as described in [4]) were
 80 utilized. The reconstruction hinges on the fact that the flux of protons at the detector is directly
 81 related to the angular deflection that the protons experience as they travel from the source to the
 82 screen. This relationship is encoded in the Kugland image flux relation [12, 13]

$$\Psi(\vec{x}_\perp^{(s)}) = \frac{\Psi_0}{\det(\nabla_0(\vec{x}_\perp^{(s)}))} \quad (1)$$

83 where Ψ is the flux of the protons recorded at the detector, Ψ_0 is what the proton flux at the
 84 detector would have been in the absence of any field deflections, $\vec{x}_\perp^{(s)}$ are the perpendicular
 85 coordinates of protons at the detector screen, and ∇_0 is the gradient taken with respect to the
 86 perpendicular coordinates of protons prior to their deflection by the subject fields (see Fig. 3 for
 87 a pictorial representation of these quantities).

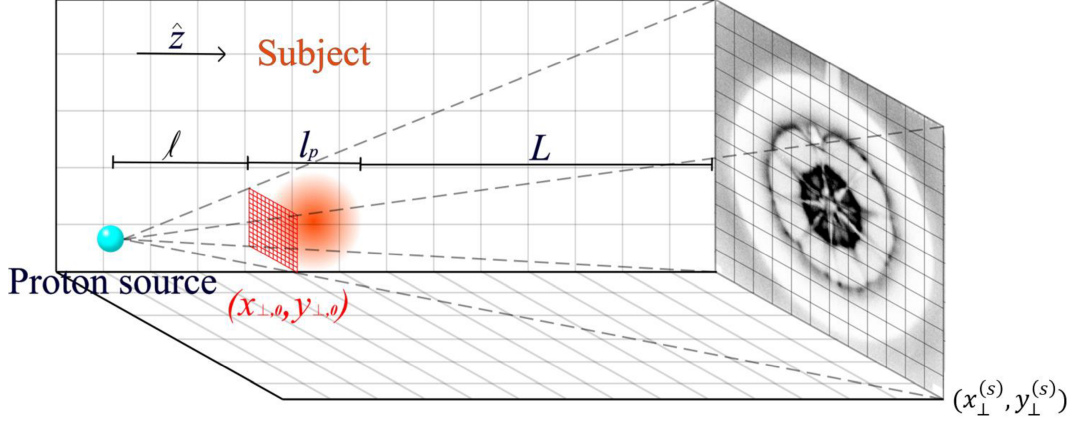


Fig. 3. A cartoon showing the approximate geometry of the experiment (dimensions of objects and lengths are not drawn to scale). The \hat{z} direction points horizontally to the right of the image. At the far left is a cyan sphere representing the capsule-type proton source; from it, dotted lines representing proton trajectories emanate. The protons traverse a distance ℓ before encountering the orange subject plasma, which has perpendicular extent $l_{\perp,p}$; their positions before being disturbed by the plasma conditions are $\vec{x}_{\perp,0} = (x_{\perp,0}, y_{\perp,0})$. They interact with the subject plasma over a distance l_p before continuing to propagate to the screen over a distance of L ; their coordinates at the screen are $\vec{x}_{\perp}^{(s)} = (x_{\perp}^{(s)}, y_{\perp}^{(s)})$.

88 The connection to the deflecting fields is made by relating the screen coordinates $\vec{x}_{\perp}^{(s)}$ to the
 89 unperturbed coordinates $\vec{x}_{\perp,0}$ by a combination of magnification and perpendicular deflection
 90 due to electromagnetic fields (neglecting plasma scattering effects);

$$\vec{x}_{\perp}^{(s)}(\vec{x}_{\perp,0}) = \frac{L+\ell}{\ell}\vec{x}_{\perp,0} + \frac{L}{v}\vec{w}(\vec{x}_{\perp,0}) \quad (2)$$

91 where ℓ and L are the source and screen distances (labelled in Fig 3), v is the velocity of the
 92 probing proton, and \vec{w} is the perpendicular velocity deflection field (equivalent to the angular
 93 deflection multiplied by the probe particle velocity) determined by the path-integrated electric
 94 and magnetic fields;

$$\vec{w} = \frac{q}{mc} \int_{\ell} (\hat{z} \times \vec{B}) dz + \frac{q}{\sqrt{2mW}} \int_{\ell} \vec{E} dz \equiv \vec{w}_B + \vec{w}_E \quad (3)$$

95 Here q is the charge of the probing particle, m the particle's mass, c the speed of light, \hat{z}
 96 the direction of probing particle motion, \vec{B} the encountered magnetic field, W the particle's
 97 kinetic energy, and \vec{E} the encountered electric field, and \vec{w}_B and \vec{w}_E are defined here to be the
 98 contributions to the deflection field from magnetic and electric fields, respectively. As described
 99 in [4], these relations can be combined together to construct a log-parabolic Monge-Ampere
 100 equation, which is then solved numerically using finite difference methods. Then, given these
 101 relations and a routine for solving the resulting Monge-Ampere equation, by measuring the flux
 102 of protons at the detector screen Ψ , then inferring or assuming an initial proton flux Ψ_0 , we can
 103 "reconstruct" the perpendicular velocity deflection field \vec{w} that resulted in a particular proton
 104 image.

105 Here it is important to note that the reconstruction of the perpendicular deflection field using the
 106 equations in this section requires a certain number of assumptions be made about the trajectories

107 of the protons as they traverse the subject plasma. Though these assumptions are discussed in
108 detail in [4], summarize here the important points.

109 First, there are important orderings between length scales in the problem that must be obeyed
110 for the equations to be valid. We require that: $l_{\perp,p}$, the perpendicular dimension of the subject
111 plasma, is much smaller than L ; and that l_p , the dimension of the plasma along the probing
112 dimension, is much smaller than both ℓ and L . These length assumptions are well-satisfied by
113 the conditions of our experiment.

114 The second assumption (which is more problematic when it comes to actual implementation)
115 inherent to the equations of reconstruction is that proton trajectories do not intersect each other
116 between the proton source and the detector screen. One can imagine proton trajectories moving
117 through the system as a cluster of proton beamlets, which can be moved relative to each other
118 by electromagnetic fields but cannot be allowed to cross if the problem is to remain soluble. If
119 the tracks do cross each other, the mapping between initial proton coordinates and final proton
120 coordinates is no longer injective, and the Kugland image flux relation cannot be used as the
121 quantity in the denominator becomes singular [12]. In such a situation, the proton flux should
122 formally become infinite at the detector screen at a location referred to as a “caustic,” though
123 in practice the proton flux remains finite due to the finite resolution of the diagnostic. Visual
124 identification of caustics in a proton image is therefore important, as if they are present then
125 numerical reconstruction cannot be performed; however, due to the finite resolution of the
126 radiography it is generally a difficult task to definitively identify caustics, particularly in cases
127 where only a single image is obtained. When two or more proton species are used for imaging, as
128 with the D^3He backlighter, comparison of multiple images with different probing energies can aid
129 in the identification of caustics because dark caustic features in a high-energy radiograph tend to
130 be broadened and more exaggerated in a lower-energy radiograph. For this reason, for example,
131 we interpret the dark central feature in the radiographs of Fig. 2 to be plausibly non-caustic; its
132 size decreases in the image produced by lower energy protons rather than increases.

133 The requirement that no caustics be present has critical implications for the selection of which
134 energy of proton will be used for numerical reconstruction, which in turn has an important
135 bearing on the determination of electric and magnetic fields from the perpendicular velocity
136 deflection.

137 2.2.2. Field Discrimination

138 The primary focus of this work was the development of a new technique to recover information
139 about the electric and magnetic fields separately from the perpendicular deflection field; as Eq. 3
140 makes clear, the deflection field is a derived quantity which depends on both fields. As a single
141 proton image yields only a single perpendicular deflection field, unique identification of both
142 electric and magnetic fields is not possible. However, if multiple images are available, it is in
143 principle possible to recover information about both fields [13].

144 Because the D^3He backlighter produces both DD and D^3He protons simultaneously which
145 sample the subject plasma at similar times (separated by the travel time difference between
146 the two proton species), one can theoretically separately reconstruct each image, and the two
147 deflection fields could be combined to algebraically recover both electric and magnetic fields
148 because of the different energy dependence for deflections from each field type. However, the
149 no-crossing condition for proton tracks becomes a significant limiter for the lower energy DD
150 proton; because lower energy protons are deflected farther by strong field gradients than more
151 energetic ones, the DD image is more likely to exhibit caustics. Furthermore, because Coulomb
152 scattering effects in the plasma are also more significant for lower energy protons, given a dense
153 subject plasma the DD image is likely to be significantly blurred, making visual identification
154 of caustic features very difficult. If a DD proton image containing caustics were mistakenly
155 reconstructed, the using the resulting deflection field to calculate electromagnetic field strengths

156 would yield incorrect results.

157 Therefore, it is important from an experimental perspective to develop techniques for inferring
158 information about electric and magnetic fields from a single high-energy proton radiography
159 reconstruction; the 14.7 MeV D^3He proton produces images which are less likely to contain
160 caustics, and which have much finer spatial resolution, making identification of possible caustics
161 significantly easier.

162 The technique developed for this work involves reconstructing a D^3He radiograph to recover
163 a perpendicular deflection field, then making an assumption about the contributions of the
164 electromagnetic fields to the deflection field which depends on the value of at least one parameter.
165 The fields derived from this assumption can then be used to construct a resulting deflection field
166 for the DD proton, and then produce a synthetic DD proton radiograph which can be visually
167 and numerically compared to the actual DD proton data (as the forward process of going from
168 a deflection field to a radiograph does not suffer the same ambiguity caused by caustics in the
169 inverse problem). The parameters associated with the field assumption can then be varied until as
170 close a match as possible is obtained. If a close match is realized, then the fields which produced
171 it are taken to be reasonably representative of the true fields in the experiment.

172 One particularly simple example of the kind of field assumption one might make is that electric
173 and magnetic fields deflect particles in the same direction throughout the image, with some
174 fraction $f < 1$ (the “field fraction”) of the deflection fields caused by electric fields and the
175 remainder caused by magnetic fields; that is, $\vec{w}_E = f\vec{w}$, and $\vec{w}_B = (1 - f)\vec{w}$, with $\vec{w} = \vec{w}_E + \vec{w}_B$
176 (throughout, a \vec{w} without explanatory superscript is taken to be the deflection field for the D^3He
177 proton, while the DD quantity where mentioned will be labelled \vec{w}^{DD}). This assumption leaves
178 the field fraction f as the single free parameter to vary to attempt to forward-match the DD
179 proton image.

180 Although this technique works well for synthetic data specifically tailored to satisfy the field
181 fraction assumption, in radiography from actual experiments a global fraction f cannot reproduce
182 features of the images in all regions. The next step we take here, then, is to divide the radiographs
183 into separate regions R_i where different physics may be dominant, each with different field
184 fractions f_i ; then by varying each f_i independently, convincing matches to the experimental data
185 can be obtained.

186 3. Demonstration of Techniques

187 In this section, we show a demonstration of the techniques described in the previous section
188 on a representative shot from the OMEGA experiment. To begin, we start with the 14.7 MeV
189 radiograph shown in Figure 2. This is the image on which reconstruction will be performed.

190 The first step is to select the region of the image in which we would like to perform the
191 reconstruction. Recalling that the equations governing the reconstruction process require that
192 proton deflections be dominated by electromagnetic field effects (rather than scattering or stopping
193 in matter), it is necessary to select a region of the image where the proton source is not obscured
194 by the material of the hohlraum wall itself (else, the lack of flux in those regions would be
195 mistakenly identified as strong electromagnetic fields). In the radiograph, this is identified by the
196 white rings of zero proton flux; thus, we select a circular region near the center of the image
197 to perform reconstruction on, denoted in the figure by the red circle in the 14.7 MeV image
198 (though the identification here is visual, in later experimental campaigns the region of hohlraum
199 obstruction will be exactly identified by using image plates sensitive to X-rays – which are also
200 obstructed by the hohlraum wall – in the proton radiography detector stack). To account for
201 the non-rectangular boundary of the region of interest, we employ the “shadow flux” method
202 described in [4]: the region exterior to the circular boundary is filled with an artificial “shadow
203 flux” value which is the same in both the initial flux distribution and the measured radiograph.
204 Then the entire rectangular image is reconstructed as usual. Although this is only an approximate

205 technique, as the authors of [4] note conservation of particle number in the reconstruction
 206 and exterior regions implies that the recovered deflection fields are close to the true deflection
 207 fields. Exact treatment of arbitrary boundary conditions in different radiography geometries is a
 208 challenge for future work.

209 In order to infer the initial proton flux (a quantity which is important to the reconstruction
 210 procedure but not simultaneously measurable during a shot), we utilize a low-pass spatial filter
 211 to remove small-scale fluctuations in proton fluence, as these would be the features which
 212 arise from electromagnetic deflections. The remaining large-scale variation is attributed to
 213 nonuniform initial proton flux. For capsule-type backlighters, null radiography displays features
 214 with significant ($\geq 30\%$) flux variation with sizes on the order of the entire image [14, 15], so
 215 choosing a cutoff wavelength which is near the scale of the object being imaged tends to produce
 216 realistic initial flux distributions with characteristics consistent with the measured distribution of
 217 protons in null radiography shots.

218 Having selected the region of interest and inferred this initial flux, the reconstruction can be
 219 carried out and a perpendicular deflection field can be recovered; a map of the deflection field
 220 magnitude for this 14.7 MeV proton image is shown in Figure 4.

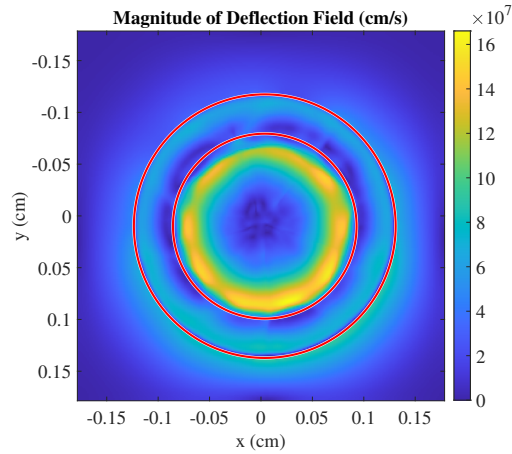


Fig. 4. A heat map showing the magnitude of the perpendicular deflection $|\vec{w}_\perp|$ field as inferred from the 14.7 MeV proton image. The two red rings denote the boundary between regions R_i selected for different field fractions and the outer boundary of the reconstruction region, respectively.

221 The deflection field is then divided into two or more regions with different field fraction
 222 breakdowns. In this and other hohlraum examples, we use two regions R_i which are concentric
 223 circles; a region R_1 near the center of the hohlraum, and a region R_2 nearer the hohlraum wall.
 224 Each subdivision is then assigned a range of initial field fractions (in this case, four evenly spaced
 225 between $f_i = 0$ and $f_i = 1$), which can be later refined as more information about the problem is
 226 gained. To avoid numerical issues and an unphysical singular jump in fraction between the two
 227 regions, a thin (10 pixel) smoothing region between is also assigned wherein the field fraction
 228 transitions linearly from one to the other. Representative maps of the field fraction breakdowns
 229 for visualization purposes are provided in Figure 5.

230 From each of these different regional field breakdowns, candidate path-integrated electric and
 231 magnetic field distributions are inferred. To be clear, given the constraints of the problem each of
 232 these electromagnetic distributions will exactly reproduce the input $D^3\text{He}$ image, so at this stage
 233 in the process no information about discriminating between the different distributions is possible.

234 In order to discriminate, we utilize the DD proton image as a point of comparison. Each

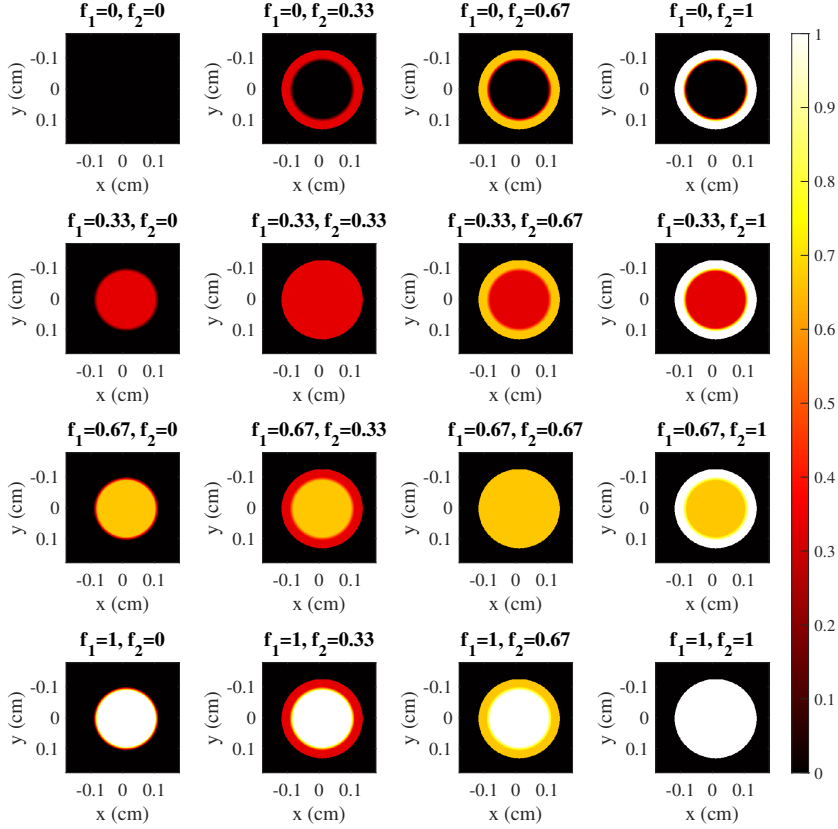


Fig. 5. Color maps of the field fraction breakdowns assigned to each image; the color bar is common to each map. In the figure titles, f_1 is the field fraction in the inner region R_1 , while f_2 is the field fraction in the outer region R_2 . Information outside the reconstruction region is ignored.

235 different field distribution is used to generate a corresponding DD proton deflection field \vec{w}^{DD} (not
 236 pictured here), which can then be used to calculate a synthetic DD proton image for comparison
 237 with the DD data (displayed as the second panel in Figure 2). Because electric and magnetic
 238 fields deflect particles to different degrees depending on the particle energy, while each
 239 field configuration reproduces the D^3He image exactly they each produce a different DD proton
 240 image. The synthetic DD proton images are then artificially blurred to simulate source size and
 241 plasma scattering effects before comparing them to the DD data; blurred radiographs produced
 242 from the field fractions in Fig. 5 are shown in Fig. 6.

243 4. Discussion and Results

244 As is clear from the images, significant morphological differences in each region are apparent
 245 as each field fraction varies from 0 to 1. Because electric fields cause angular deflections with
 246 $1/W$ dependence while magnetic fields cause angular deflections with $1/\sqrt{W}$ dependence (see
 247 Eq. (3)), the differences between the DD and D^3He images (and the features of the synthetic
 248 data in general) become progressively more exaggerated as the field fraction becomes more and

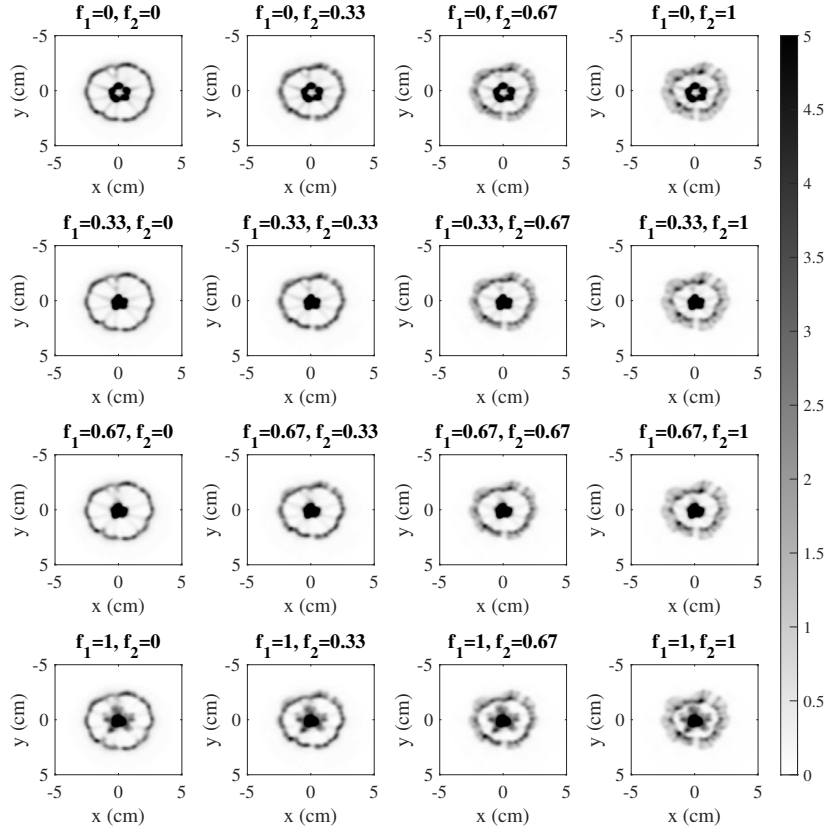


Fig. 6. Synthetic DD proton images produced from the deflection fields calculated from the electromagnetic field configurations implied by the field fraction breakdowns in Figure 5. Both the inner and outer regions show clear variations in feature sizes and locations with field fraction which can be used as comparisons with the true DD proton data in Figure 2. These images have had a Gaussian blur applied in post-processing to simulate plasma scattering conditions present in the actual DD proton data. The color bar denotes proton flux relative to the mean flux in each image.

249 more electric. In the center region, the central feature transitions from a ring qualitatively similar
 250 to that displayed in the D^3He radiograph at the most magnetic field fractions, to a condensed
 251 dark spot at intermediate fractions, to a clearly caustic feature where protons from different parts
 252 of the image have crossed paths and been deposited nonlocally at the most electric fraction. In
 253 the outer region, the dark ring near the hohlraum wall varies in size from small and localized at
 254 mostly magnetic fractions to very broad at mostly electric fractions where caustics have formed.
 255 The clear formation of caustic features in both the inner at outer regions at high electric field
 256 proportion emphasize the necessity of not using the DD radiograph for quantitative reconstruction
 257 when strong fields are thought to be present. These features allow a quick qualitative judgment
 258 of which combination of field fractions best reproduces the DD data; in this case, it is clear that
 259 the central feature is best reproduced by an intermediate value of f_1 and the outer feature by a
 260 low value of f_2 .

261 In order to quantitatively assess which combination best fits the data, as a simple metric we

262 utilize an averaged radial profile. For each synthetic radiograph we compare its radial profile to
 263 that of the DD proton data, and calculate residuals to quantify how different the two profiles are.
 264 The summed square of the residuals is plotted in Fig. 7A). A best fit is clearly visible, with direct
 265 comparison of lineouts between the best fit and the DD proton data shown in Fig. 7B).

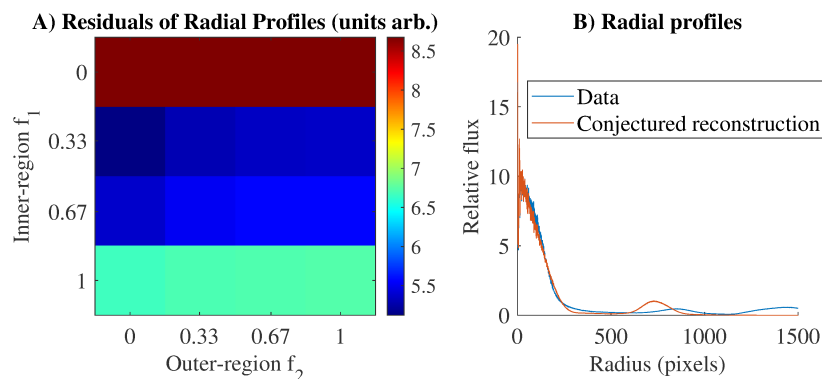


Fig. 7. A) Matrix of field fraction breakdowns showing a colors which quantify the residual values between a radial profile of the conjectured reconstruction and a radial profile of the actual DD data. The units on the color axis are arbitrary. The fit with lowest residual is clearly visible as the dark blue square. B) Direct comparison of radial lineouts between the best fit and the DD proton data. Note that in the conjectured reconstruction, pixel values outside the outer radius of reconstruction are artificially zeroed.

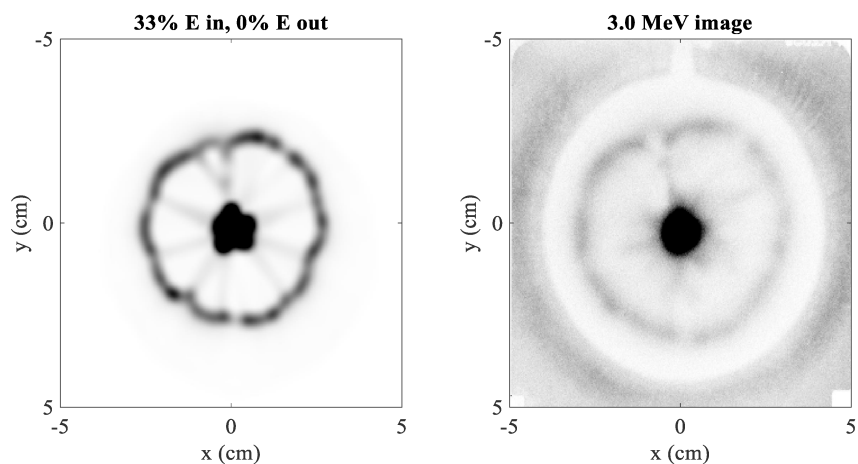


Fig. 8. Direct side-by-side visual comparison of the calculated best-fit synthetic DD proton image (on the left) and the DD proton data (on the right). Although not a perfect reproduction, gross features common to both are clearly identifiable, suggesting that the fit is reasonable.

266 A direct comparison between the calculated best-fit synthetic image and the DD proton data is
 267 shown in Fig. 8. Note that in the synthetic image, all flux from the region outside the region of

268 reconstruction is ignored. As can be seen, many features of the data are able to be successfully
 269 reproduced by our technique, including the size and approximate shape of the central feature, as
 270 well as noticeable perturbations in the outer ring (such as the gap near 6:00, and the blob-like
 271 feature between 11:00 and 12:00). The location of spokes emanating from the central region also
 272 match reasonably well, although their radial extent is not reproduced.

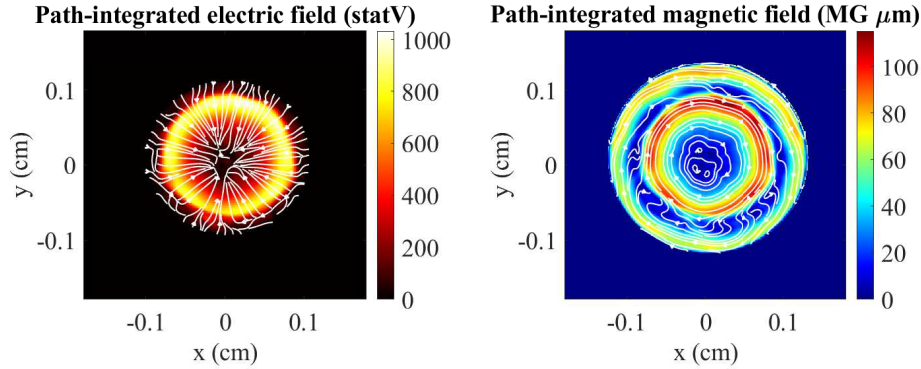


Fig. 9. The inferred path-integrated electric and magnetic fields taken from the best-fit field fraction breakdown. All quantities quoted are integrated along the \hat{z} -direction of proton propagation.

273 Finally, from the best-fit field fraction breakdown, we then recover the inferred path-integrated
 274 electric and magnetic fields experienced by the probing protons, shown in Fig. 9. Note that
 275 these results are still not direct field strengths but instead are integrated along the direction of
 276 proton propagation (as is necessarily the case in proton radiography measurements) – further
 277 assumptions about the proton trajectories and the structure of the fields experienced by the protons
 278 are necessary to recover bare field strengths. In particular, places where protons alternately
 279 traverse regions with oppositely directed fields can experience zero (or otherwise reduced) net
 280 deflection (as has been experimentally confirmed for side-on radiography of laser-produced
 281 plasma bubbles [16]); as we anticipate the presence of this type of geometry in this experiment,
 282 naive interpretation of the path-integrated fields is likely misleading.

283 To reiterate, these path-integrated fields exactly reproduce the data $D^3\text{He}$ proton radiograph,
 284 and produce the synthetic DD radiograph in Fig. 8 which compares quite favorably to the actual
 285 data, suggesting that they are a reasonable representation of the true path-integrated fields in the
 286 experiment.

287 5. Conclusion and Future Avenues

288 In conclusion, we have developed a new technique for interpreting reconstructions of proton
 289 radiographs that allows recovery of both electric and magnetic field information from a single
 290 high-energy proton radiograph, given the presence of a low-energy proton image to use for
 291 comparison and verification purposes. This technique (much like other methods for interpreting
 292 the output of proton radiography reconstruction algorithms) is still in its nascent stages, and
 293 many opportunities for refinement and improvement are apparent. One of the most obvious
 294 improvements would be the relaxation of the assumption that electric and magnetic fields deflect
 295 protons in the same direction in each region; though this represents a wide parameter space to
 296 explore, work is underway to make improvements along this line. Another clear path forward
 297 is increasing the number of regions included in the discrimination procedure, ideally aided by
 298 computer simulations of the experiments in question to provide more definitive insight into which

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